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TO BEAT THE MILK TRUST.

Only prompt and united action will save New York from falling completely into the hands of the Milk Trust. That will mean a minimum price of eight cents a quart for milk, of which two-thirds will go to the Trust and a continued killing of the babies of the poor with "embalmed" milk.

The farmers are the first to feel the burden, and they have organized to resist. The small retail milk dealers should heartily co-operate with them. These small dealers will all be eliminated through their inability to get pure milk from the Trust, which keeps fresh milk for the retail eight-cent routes which it controls. The enforcement of the law against impure and adulterated milk will gradually drive out all dealers who have not a direct supply from the farms.

In Chicago the Milk Trust has also been organized, and unless a successful fight is made at the start all the cities of the United States will soon be as completely in the clutches of the Milk Trust as they are now in the grip of the Meat Trust. Every retail milk dealer should attend the conference next Wednesday evening, which the milk producers have called at the Manhattan Assembly Rooms, Nos. 15 and 17 East Third street.

BETTER TRANSIT FOR BROOKLYN.

The general protest voiced by The Evening World has at last forced the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company to admit that its service is wholly inadequate. The announcement that 350 new cars have been ordered, 200 for the surface lines and 150 for the elevated, and the company's promise to comply with most of the excellent recommendations made by the State Railroad Commission, proves once more what can be accomplished by enlightened and well-directed publicity.

Three hundred and fifty new cars for the whole territory of Brooklyn are not enough. But they will help, especially if put in use in season for the heavy summer travel. If the public is humbly grateful, President Winter in time may consent to buy more. According to his way of thinking, if the public is properly patient and silent under its misfortunes it may some day become entitled to the privileges of sufficient terminal facilities and real rapid transit schedules.

Reform moves slowly in Brooklyn, but as Brother Jasper said of the sun, "It do move!"

AN INSENSATE CZAR.

The Czar has spurned suggestions for peace abroad and scorned petitions for justice at home. He has "elected to continue the war" with Japan and to put down with an iron hand the aspirations of his people for freedom.

It is not enough that his Pacific fleet has been destroyed, that Port Arthur has fallen, that his army in Manchuria has been driven and beaten, that his senseless war has cost Russia 60,000 lives and \$500,000,000 in treasure, the craven Czar, cowering in his palace, challenges fate for more!

Let us hope that he will get it! A thorough defeat for Kuropatkin and a few more outbreaks among his oppressed people at home may incline his ear to wisdom.

THE FOOLISH TREATING HABIT.

A bill to make treating criminal is progressing through the Pennsylvania Legislature. Any one who buys for another a drink of intoxicating liquor will be guilty of a misdemeanor.

While this method of attempting to stop treating will probably be ineffectively enforced, should it become a law, as are many other provisions creating minor misdemeanors, there is no doubt that the excessive treating habit is responsible for a great part of the injury resulting from the sale of intoxicating liquors. There is a social code among mechanics especially requiring each of them to treat after being paid off, and on other special occasions. It is regarded as a sign of stinginess not to do so.

There are many men who would stop with a drink or two if it were not for the treating habit. They stand with their friends against the bar until each has paid for a round of drinks and each man has taken several times as many drinks as he would have preferred to take. There is no more reason for this custom than for a custom of treating to shoes or hats or overcoats, which would be much more sensible.

In Germany and France there is no such custom, and in England the custom only slightly exists among equals. The abolition of treating would do away with what might be called involuntary drinking.

Prof. Osler forgets that a great many men do not get over being more or less fools until they are forty.

Hundreds of automobiles were burned in a London fire. Over here "roast" the scorched.

Before taking over the Thirty-ninth street ferry would it not be well for the city to see how municipal ownership of the Staten Island ferry works?

The People's Corner.
Letters from Evening World Readers

San Francisco Queries.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

Will some reader who has lived there please tell me if San Francisco is a

good place for an Irish-American to

go in search of employment, and

about what salary is paid in or near

that city for men who have no trade?

P. F. J.

Designing vs. Stenography.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

"Polly" asks if she should learn stenography or designing. By all means

give the preference to designing if you

feel adapted to this vocation. The field

of stenography is already crowded and

with a few exceptions the wages paid

are low, while the former line of work

has much better inducements for you

if you could qualify. The life of the

lady stenographer is not always "a

grand sweet song" and besides, what

young lady wants to be dictated to for

about \$4 or \$7 per? Don't be foolish.

IDA.

Article Transit Advice.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

Is not the following the only sure

and sensible plan likely to be acceptable

to the transportation companies for

alleviating the struggle to secure seats

on cars in rush hours? Remove the

objects suggested for that is, the seats.

Twenty or more additional passengers can

be seated in a car after seats are removed.

A. J. H.

An "L" Station Grievance.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

I desire to call attention to a public

nuisance which the Manhattan Elevated

Railway has failed to remedy. At the

southeast corner of Franklin and Green-

wich streets, at the entrance to the up-

town station, during rainy weather or

when there is a continuous downpour

of slush and water which has injured

my clothes on two occasions, and also

makes the walking dangerous.

A. J. H.

GERM KILLING.

The City Editor—What will we do

with this article about the impure

drinking water? Is it the only profes-

sion for which the city is responsible?

The Managing Editor—Well it down-

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